MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

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SRM Number: 3241 MSDS Number: 3241

SRM Name: Ephedra sinica Stapf Native

Extract

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Description: Standard Reference Material (SRM) 3241 consists of ten bottles of *Ephedra sinica*

Stapf Native Extract, each containing approximately 1.2 g of material.

Substance: Ephedra sinica Stapf Native Extract

2. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS¹

Component: Ephedrine

Other Designations: Ephedrine (ephedrin; alpha-(1-(methylamino)ethyl)benzenemethanol;

 $1\hbox{-phenyl-2-methylaminopropanol;} \qquad 1\hbox{-phenyl-1-hydroxy-2-methylamino-1-phenyl-1-propanol;} \qquad 1\hbox{-phenyl-1-hydroxy-2-methylamino-1-phenylpropane;}$

natural ephedrine; alpha-hydroxy-beta-methylaminopropylbenzene;)

CAS Number: 299-42-3 **mber (EINECS):** 206-080-5

EC Number (EINECS):

SRM Nominal

Concentration (mass %): 2.89
EC Classification: Xn
EC Risk (R No.): 22
EC Safety (S No.): 2, 22, 25

Component: Pseudoephedrine

Other Designations: Pseudoephedrine (1-(S), 2-(S)-(+)-pseudoephedrine; (1S,2S)-pseudoephedrine;

(+)-pseudoephedrine; isoephedrine; (1S,2S)-2-methyamino-1-phenylpropan-1-ol; (1S,2S)-(+)-pseudoephedrine; (1S,2S)-(+)-2-methylamino-1-phenyl-1-propanol);

L-(+)-pseudoephedrine)

CAS Number: 90-82-4 **EC Number (EINECS):** 202-018-6

SRM Nominal

Concentration (mass %): 1.07
EC Classification: Xn

EC Risk (R No.): 20, 21, 22, 36, 37, 38

EC Safety (S No.): 26, 36, 37, 39

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

NFPA Ratings (Scale 0–4): Health = 2 Fire = 2 Reactivity = 0

Major Health Hazards: Heart. Central nervous system.

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation: Short-term exposure by inhalation is irritating to mucous membranes and upper

respiratory tract and may cause nausea, vomiting, irregular heartbeat, blurred

vision, dilated pupils, lung congestion, convulsions, or even a coma.

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¹·Hazardous components 1 % or greater; Carcinogens 0.1 % or greater are listed in compliance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Skin Contact: Short-term exposure may be irritating to skin. Long-term exposure to the skin may

cause a rash.

Eye Contact: Short-term contact is irritating to eyes and may cause dilated pupils and glaucoma.

Ingestion: Short-term exposure by ingestion may cause allergic reactions, rash, nausea,

vomiting, irregular heartbeat, headache, dizziness, disorientation, blurred vision,

dilated pupils, lung congestion, and convulsions.

Listed as a Carcinogen/

Potential Carcinogen: Ephedrine; Pseudoephedrine

Yes No

X

X

X In the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens.

In the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monographs.

By the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation: If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration,

if not breathing, by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention.

Skin Contact: Rinse affected area with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes while

removing contaminated clothing. Get medical attention, if needed.

Eye Contact: Flush eyes, including under the eyelids, with copious amounts of water for at least

15 minutes. Get immediate medical attention.

Ingestion: Get immediate medical attention. If vomiting occurs, keep head lower than hips to

prevent aspiration. Give artificial respiration, if not breathing, by qualified

personnel.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Fire and Explosion Hazards: Ephedrine is a moderate fire hazard.

Extinguishing Media: Regular dry chemical. Carbon dioxide. Water. Regular foam.

Fire Fighting: Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. Use extinguishing

media appropriate for the surrounding fire. Wear full protective clothing and

NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

Component: Ephedrine Flash Point: 85 °C (185 °F)

Method Used: Not available.

Autoignition Temp.: Not available.

Flammability Limits in Air

UPPER (Volume %): Not available. LOWER (Volume %): Not available.

Component: Pseudoephedrine Flash Point: Not available.

Autoignition Temp.: Not available.

Flammability Limits in Air

UPPER (Volume %): Not available. LOWER (Volume %): Not available.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Occupational Release: Collect small spilled material in an appropriate container for disposal. Avoid

raising dust. Keep out of water supplies and sewers.

Disposal: Refer to Section 13, "Disposal Considerations".

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7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Storage: Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Store

in a cool, dry place.

Safe Handling Precautions: See Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Limits: Ephedrine: No occupational exposure limits established.

Pseudoephedrine: No occupational exposure limits established.

Ventilation: Provide local exhaust ventilation system.

Respirator: If necessary, refer to the "NIOSH Guide to the Selection and Use of Particulate

Respirators Certified under 42 CFR 84" for selection and use of respirators

certified by NIOSH.

Eye Protection: Wear safety goggles. An eye wash station should be readily available near areas

of use.

Personal Protection: Wear appropriate protective clothing and chemically resistant gloves to prevent

skin exposure.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Component: Ephedrine

Appearance: Crystals. Colorless to white.

Relative Molecular Mass: 165.24

Molecular Formula: $C_6H_5CH(OH)CH(CH_3)NHCH_3$

Boiling Point: 255 °C (491 °F)

Melting Point: $34 \, ^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ to } 40 \, ^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ (93 } ^{\circ}\text{F to } 104 \, ^{\circ}\text{F)}$

Water Solubility: 5 %

Solvent Solubility: Soluble in alcohol, ether, benzene, chloroform. Moderately soluble in mineral

oils.

Component: Pseudoephedrine

Appearance: Crystals. Colorless to white.

Relative Molecular Mass: 165.24

Molecular Formula: C₆H₅CH(OH)CH(CH₃)NHCH₃

Boiling Point: Not available.

Melting Point: 116 °C to 119 °C (241 °F to 246 °F)

Water Solubility: Not available. Solvent Solubility: Not available.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability:	X	Stable	Unstable

Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

Conditions to Avoid: Avoid heat, flames, sparks, and other sources of ignition. Avoid contact with

incompatible material.

Incompatible Materials: Oxidizing materials.

Fire/Explosion Information: See Section 5, "Fire Fighting Measures". **Hazardous Decomposition:** Oxides of carbon and nitrogen. Nitrogen.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will Occur X Will Not Occur

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11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Route of Entry: X Inhalation X Skin X Ingestion

Toxicity Data: Ephedrine

Man, Unreported LD_{LO}: 9 mg/kg Rat, Oral LD₅₀: 600 mg/kg

Tumorigenic, Reproductive,

Mutagenic Data: Ephedrine has been investigated as a reproductive effector.

Toxicity Data: Pseudoephedrine

Man, Oral TD_{LO} : 12 mg/kg Rat, Oral LD_{50} : 660 mg/kg

Health Effects

(Acute and Chronic): See Section 3: "Hazards Identification" for potential health effects.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity Data: Not available.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal: Dispose in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

U.S. DOT and IATA: Not regulated by DOT or IATA.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. Regulations: CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not regulated. SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not regulated. SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not regulated. OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE: Yes.
CHRONIC: Yes.
FIRE: Yes.
REACTIVE: No.
SUDDEN RELEASE: No.

State Regulations: California Proposition 65: Not regulated.

CANADIAN Regulations

WHMIS Classification: Not determined.

EUROPEAN Regulations

EC Classification (assigned): Xn Harmful.

EC Risk Phrases: R20/21/22 Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin, and if

swallowed.

R36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system, and skin.

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EC Safety Phrases: S2 Keep out of reach of children. S22 Do not breathe dust. S25 Avoid contact with eyes. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of S26 water and seek medical advice. S36 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves, and eye/face protection. S37 Weat suitable gloves S39 Wear eye/face protection **National Inventory Status U.S. Inventory (TSCA):** Ephedrine: Listed on inventory. Pseudoephedrine: Listed on inventory. **TSCA 12(b) Export Notification:** Ephedrine: Not listed. Pseudoephedrine: Not listed.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Sources: MDL Information Systems, Inc., MSDS *Ephedrine*, 16 June 2005.

Disclaimer: Physical and chemical data contained in this MSDS are provided only for use as a guide in assessing the hazardous nature of the material. The MSDS was prepared carefully, using current references; however, NIST does not certify the data in the MSDS. The certified values for this material are given in the NIST Certificate of Analysis.

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